

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 203 and "nay" on rollcall vote 204.

FALLEN HEROES

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheldon Schulman, a Vietnam Veteran who gave his life fighting for our freedom and security.

In honor of Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of recognizing the late First Lieutenant Sheldon Schulman for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought in the Vietnam War until his death on June 19, 1967.

Lieutenant Schulman served his country as an officer in the Army. He was killed as the result of a gun shot wound inflicted during a battle on the Mekong Delta. Also lost that day were three of his closest friends who had served with him since their days in Officer Candidate School. Lieutenant Schulman was only twenty four.

I had the honor of presenting his family with medals Lieutenant Schulman earned during his service to our nation. They included Silver Star, Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Sharp Shooter Badge and Rifle Bar, and two Marksman Badges, Machine Gun Bar, and Rifle Bar, as well as the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world.

I am humbled by the courage and sacrifice of First Lieutenant Sheldon Schulman. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect. We must never forget Sheldon Schulman and those soldiers who paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDY MCKEAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to an individual who has worked tirelessly to bring awareness of our U.S. Constitution to both school children and adults alike, Andy McKean. Mr. McKean was awarded the 2004 Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor for his efforts to educate children about our common heritage and founding documents.

Mr. McKean established a large summer-time "Earning by Learning" program in Denver-area libraries to encourage young children to read more often. While visiting one of those libraries, Mr. McKean was shocked to learn that none of the children knew the true meaning of the Fourth of July.

Mr. McKean decided that the children of America ought to learn about the founding of our nation and system of government before the fifth grade, when most kids are first taught a course in American history. Mr. McKean be-

came president and eloquent spokesman for Liberty Day, the nationwide educational organization.

Mr. Speaker, Andy McKean is a person who possesses dedication, commitment, and passion for his life long pursuit of educating young people and contributing to the betterment of America's youth. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Andy here today, and wish his all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHERI ROCHFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Sheri Rochford, a talented fundraiser and admissions counselor from Durango, Colorado. Sheri is a dedicated Fort Lewis College employee who has been helping to educate students in Colorado for twenty-six years. She is a benevolent and kind-hearted person who has been an asset to the Fort Lewis College community and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her tremendous service and dedication to higher education.

Sheri's association with Fort Lewis College began when she was working her way through school doing odd jobs in the business school and the president's office on campus. She attributes her enthusiasm and commitment to Fort Lewis as a result of the initial encouragement she received from a college administrator. Since 1978, Sheri has had many roles at the college including Dean of Admission and Alumni Development, and Dean of Development and Alumni Relations. She will now become the Director of Foundation relations.

Sheri has made a great contribution to Fort Lewis College that will inspire many future generations to pursue their education in Durango. During her tenure, she helped to almost double the college's enrollment, raised more than one million for the Alumni Association scholarships and communications programs, and played a key role in raising funds for both the Community Concert Hall and the Center of Southwest Studies. She is responsible for raising the Fort Lewis College Foundation's assets to more than 13 million dollars. Sheri is the past recipient of the Fort Lewis College outstanding Achievement Award, and the Durango Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Athena Award for outstanding women professionals. Sheri has also served on numerous national boards and councils for college admissions, the American College Testing Program, and collegiate records associations.

Mr. Speaker, Sheri Rochford is a devoted individual who is actively involved in the education of our next generation of leaders. Sheri has demonstrated a love for Fort Lewis College that resonates in her compassionate and selfless service to the University Community. Sheri's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your new job Sheri, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PAPERWORK AND REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union has under consideration the bill (H.R. 2432) to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2432, the Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2004. The paperwork and regulatory burdens on businesses could certainly use improvement. Unfortunately, this bill is actually an underhanded way to weaken important regulations that protect our clean air, clean water, public lands, and workplaces. This bill would diminish, rather than improve the process of developing federal regulations by elevating the interests of industries over all other considerations. This bill also fails to address real current problems in federal regulation, such as the pressure on agencies to misuse or ignore science for political ends.

I strongly support the Waxman-Tierney amendment to establish an independent commission on the politicization of science in the regulatory process. The amendment responds to a growing concern among scientists and the environmental community that the Bush administration is placing politics above science. Just last month the Bush administration issued a new policy that would allow hatchery-raised salmon in the Pacific Northwest to be included in wild salmon population counts, which could have a significant impact on whether or not the species are listed under the Endangered Species Act. It has been reported that this was done over the objection of an independent panel of scientists commissioned by National Marine Fisheries Service to advise them on the issue.

I am deeply disappointed that H.R. 2432 takes us in the wrong direction by advancing a misguided concept that elevates the interests of regulated industries over the health of our communities. I understand the burden that many businesses, especially small businesses, face in filling out government paperwork. This bill, however, is more about coming up with excuses to undermine vital health, safety, and environmental regulations than about relieving the growing paperwork burden.

HONORING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN CREATING AN INTEGRATED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Tuskegee Airmen for their service, sacrifice and dedication for our country during World War II.

The National Airman's Association, an organization comprised of African-American pilots,